

## ATTACHMENT B

### Amendments to the Claims

*Following herewith is a complete listing of the claims, including a marked copy of the currently amended claims.*

1. (Currently Amended) A method of generating a persistent usage context representing utilization of software applications and hardware devices of an information handling system, comprising:  
monitoring usage of ~~resources~~ at least one of a first software application and a first hardware device of an said information handling system;  
monitoring usage of at least one of a second software application and a second hardware device of said information handling system;  
generating a first representation corresponding to ~~a first item of usage~~ actions performed during said usage of said at least one of said first software application and said first hardware device;  
generating a second representation corresponding to ~~a second item of usage~~ actions performed during said usage of said at least one of said second software application and said second hardware device;  
communicating an association of the first representation to the second representation so as to enable a determination of at least one of prior usage and current usage of ~~resources~~ of the information handling system.
2. (Original) The method as described in claim 1, further comprising storing the first representation and second representation.
3. (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim 2, wherein at least one of the first stored representation and second representation may be accessed after termination of at least one of ~~the~~ a first item of usage and ~~the~~ a second item of usage.

4. (Original) The method as described in claim 1, wherein at least one of the first representation and second representation is capable of accessing at least one of a first item of usage and second item of usage.
5. (Currently Amended) The method as described in ~~claim 1~~claim 4, wherein at least one of the first representation and second representation is interactive with at least one of the first item of usage and the second item of usage.
6. (Original) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the first representation includes as a part thereof the second representation.
7. (Original) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the association includes at least one of chronological mapping, organization scheme, spatial relationship, shared usage, and term of usage.
8. (Original) The method as described in claim 1, further comprising the step of searching data relating to at least one of the first representation and second representation.
9. (Original) The method as described in claim 8, wherein the search is performed by at least one of type, topic, size, time taken for usage, time usage performed, user defined criteria, and name.
10. (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim 1, wherein ~~at least one of the first item of usage and second item of usage includes~~ said usage of at least one of said first software application and said first hardware device, and said usage of at least one of said second software application and said second hardware device, is at least one of browsing the World Wide Web, printing, scanning for viruses, word processing, utilizing spreadsheets, utilizing a database, enabling an operating system, accessing a network, network applications, graphics usage, utilization of devices, and data manipulation.

11. (Previously Presented) A medium readable by an information handling system and containing a program of instructions causing the information handling system to execute steps for generating a persistent usage context, the steps comprising:  
monitoring usage of resources of an information handling system;  
generating a first representation corresponding to a first item of usage;  
generating a second representation corresponding to a second item of usage;  
communicating an association of the first representation to the second representation so as to enable a determination of at least one of prior usage and current usage of resources of an information handling system;  
wherein the resources of which the usage is monitored comprises devices coupled internally of the information handling system, devices coupled to the information handling system peripherally of the information handling system, devices coupled to the information handling system over a network, and other information handling systems coupled to the information handling system.

12. (Previously Presented) The medium containing a program of instructions as described in claim 11, the program of instructions for causing the information handling system to execute steps further comprising storing the first representation and second representation.

13. (Previously Presented) The medium containing a program of instructions as described in claim 12, wherein at least one of the first stored representation and second representation generated by the information handling system may be accessed after termination of at least one of the first item of usage and the second item of usage.

14. (Previously Presented) The medium containing a program of instructions as described in claim 11, wherein at least one of the first representation and second representation generated by the information handling system is capable of accessing at least one of a first item of usage and second item of usage.

15. (Previously Presented) The medium containing a program of instructions as described in claim 11, wherein at least one of the first representation and second representation generated by the information handling system is interactive with at least one of the first item of usage and the second item of usage.

16. (Previously Presented) The medium containing a program of instructions as described in claim 11, wherein the first representation generated by the information handling system includes as a part thereof the second representation.

17. (Previously Presented) The medium containing a program of instructions as described in claim 11, wherein the association communicated by the information handling system includes at least one of chronological mapping, organization scheme, spatial relationship, shared usage, and term of usage.

18. (Previously Presented) The medium containing a program of instructions as described in claim 11, the program of instructions for causing the information handling system to execute steps further comprising the step of searching data relating to at least one of the first representation and second representation.

19. (Previously Presented) The medium containing a program of instructions as described in claim 18, wherein the search by the information handling system is performed by at least one of type, topic, size, time taken for usage, time usage performed, user defined criteria, and name.

20. (Previously Presented) The medium containing a program of instructions as described in claim 11 wherein at least one of the first item of usage and the second item of usage monitored by the information handling system includes at least one of browsing the World Wide Web, printing, scanning for viruses, word processing, utilizing spreadsheets, utilizing a database, enabling an operating system, accessing a network, network applications, graphics usage, utilization of devices, and data manipulation.

21. (Previously Presented) An information handling system for generating a persistent usage context, comprising:

a processor for executing a program of instructions on the information handling system;  
a memory coupled to the processor for storing the program of instructions executable by said processor; and

an input and output system coupled to the processor for coupling the information handling system to a network wherein the program of instructions configures the information handling system to

monitor usage of resources of the information handling system;

generate a first representation corresponding to a first item of usage;

generate a second representation corresponding to a second item of usage;

communicate an association of the first representation to the second

representation so as to enable a determination of at least one of prior usage and current usage of resources of the information handling system;

wherein the resources of which the usage is monitored comprises devices

coupled internally of the information handling system, devices coupled to the information handling system peripherally of the information handling system, devices coupled to the information handling system over a network, and other information handling systems coupled to the information handling system.

22. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 21, further comprising storing the first representation and second representation.

23. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 22, wherein at least one of the first stored representation and second representation may be accessed after termination of at least one of the first item of usage and the second item of usage.

24. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 21, wherein at least one of the first representation and second representation is capable of accessing at least one of a first item of usage and second item of usage.

25. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 21, wherein at least one of the first representation and second representation is interactive with at least one of the first item of usage and the second item of usage.

26. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 21, wherein the first representation includes as a part thereof the second representation.

27. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 21, wherein the association includes at least one of chronological mapping, organization scheme, spatial relationship, shared usage, and term of usage.

28. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 21, further comprising the step of searching data relating to at least one of the first representation and second representation.

29. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 28, wherein the search is performed by at least one of type, topic, size, time taken for usage, time usage performed, user defined criteria, and name.

30. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 21, wherein at least one of the first item of usage and second item of usage includes at least one of browsing the World Wide Web, printing, scanning for viruses, word processing, utilizing spreadsheets, utilizing a database, enabling an operating system, accessing a network, network applications, graphics usage, utilization of devices, and data manipulation.

31. (Previously Presented) An information handling system for generating a persistent usage context, comprising:  
a processor for executing a program of instructions on the information handling system;  
a memory coupled to the processor for storing the program of instructions executable by said processor; and

an input and output system coupled to the processor for coupling the information handling system to a network wherein the program of instructions configures the information handling system to include

means for monitoring usage of resources of the information handling system;

means for generating a first representation corresponding to a first item of usage;

means for generating a second representation corresponding to a second item of usage;

means for communicating an association of the first representation to the second representation so as to enable a determination of at least one of prior usage and current usage of resources of the information handling system;

wherein the resources of which the usage is monitored comprises devices coupled internally of the information handling system, devices coupled to the information handling system peripherally of the information handling system, devices coupled to the information handling system over a network, and other information handling systems coupled to the information handling system.

32. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 31, further comprising means for storing the first representation and second representation.

33. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 32, wherein at least one of the first stored representation and second representation may be accessed after termination of at least one of the first item of usage and the second item of usage.

34. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 31, wherein at least one of the first representation and second representation is capable of accessing at least one of a first item of usage and second item of usage.

35. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 31, wherein at least one of the first representation and second representation is interactive with at least one of the first item of usage and the second item of usage.

36. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 31, wherein the first representation includes as a part thereof the second representation.

37. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 31, wherein the association includes at least one of chronological mapping, organization scheme, spatial relationship, shared usage, and term of usage.

38. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 31, further comprising the step of searching data relating to at least one of the first representation and second representation.

39. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 38, wherein the search is performed by at least one of type, topic, size, time taken for usage, time usage performed, user defined criteria, and name.

40. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 31, wherein at least one of the first item of usage and second item of usage includes at least one of browsing the World Wide Web, printing, scanning for viruses, word processing, utilizing spreadsheets, utilizing a database, enabling an operating system, accessing a network, network applications, graphics usage, utilization of devices, and data manipulation.

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